



## **DEL, SEIU reach agreement on Early Achievers awards for family home providers**

Early Achievers, Washington's Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS), is designed to support child care providers in Washington state on a path of continuous quality improvement. Participation by family home child care providers, who care for 22 percent of children in licensed care, is a critical part of Early Achievers, which has been funded through Washington's successful Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge award.

We are pleased to announce that the Department of Early Learning and SEIU Local 925 have reached an agreement on the monetary incentives given to family home child care providers who participate in Early Achievers and reach Levels 3 -5. The amounts, which are given after the facility rating and creation of the quality improvement plan, are:

- Level 3: \$2,000
- Level 4: \$2,250
- Level 5: \$2,750

These incentives support quality early learning settings including intentional instruction, quality interactions between adults and children, family engagement and partnership and rich learning environments. Early Achievers is proud to offer one of the highest quality improvement award levels for family child care homes in the nation.